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SUBJECT: GOP AGREES TO POSTPONEMENT OF APRIL 24-25 REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION CONFERENCE ON AFGHANISTAN

REFS: A) ISLAMABAD 1158; B) KABUL 674; C) STATE 22526

[¶](#)1. (U) SUMMARY. Pursuant to the request from the Government of Afghanistan (GOA), the Government of Pakistan (GOP) has agreed to postpone the Regional Economic Cooperation Conference (RECC) scheduled for April 24-25, 2008 in Islamabad. END SUMMARY.

[¶](#)2. (U) EconOff met with the Joint Secretary of the Economic Affairs Division, Mr. Suhail Rehan, on March 19 to follow up on the Afghan request to postpone the upcoming RECC. Mr. Rehan noted that the GOP would "postpone this meeting until the second half of 2008 to accommodate the GOA's request." He stated that no alternative date has been fixed yet but thought either August or October would be the likely timeframe. Mr. Rehan further stated that the GOA would be notified in writing of this postponement on March

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